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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Mr. Julius Knapp
Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Knapp:

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have reviewed the Second Report and Order (Second R&O) and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Second FNPRM), addressing Part 87 of the Federal Communications Commission Rules.¹ The NTIA and FAA support the Commission's proposals that will ensure the rules for the Aviation Radio Service remain up-to-date and continue to further the goals of accommodating new technologies, facilitating the efficient and effective use of the aeronautical spectrum, and above all enhancing the safety of flight.

In the Second FNPRM the Commission requests comment on a proposal to amend Section 87.187(dd) of the Commission's Rules by deleting reference to the frequencies 136.5 MHz and 136.475 MHz used for Flight Information Services-Broadcast (FIS-B).² The frequency 136.475 MHz is still required for FIS-B service. Through a joint FAA and industry agreement, Honeywell operates the current Flight Information Service Data Link network, which uses two frequencies 136.45 MHz and 136.475 MHz.³ Based on the continued use of 136.475 MHz to support FIS-B, NTIA requests that Commission refrain from deleting this frequency from Section 87.187(dd) of the Commission's Rules.

Sincerely,

Karl B. Nebbia
Associate Administrator
Office of Spectrum Management

1. *In the Matter of Review of Part 87 of the Commission's Rules Concerning the Aviation Radio Service*, Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WT Docket No. 01-289, FCC 06-148, 71 Fed. Reg. 70710 (2006).

2. *Id.* at ¶ 37.

3. Honeywell's use of these frequencies extends through September 30, 2007.

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